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In re application of:

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ELEMENTS: GATES AND FLIP-  
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Art Unit: 1631

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and  
§1.98

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-SB/08A and PTO-SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search/Examination report corresponding to the PCT application. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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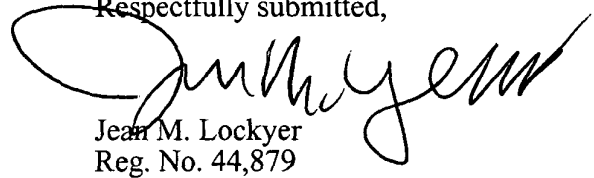
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no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

This IDS is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants believe no fee is required for submission of this statement. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

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